

## POST-OFFICE GIRL CLERKS.

Young Women Assigned to Desks in the Money-Order Department.

They Are Civil Service Eligibles and Their Work Pleases Mr. Van Cott.

There are nearly one hundred clerks employed in the Money-Order Department of the New York Post Office.

Until within a very short time these clerks were all men; but since the holidays the veterans in the department have had a number of pretty young girls as their co-laborers in Uncle Sam's postal service.

There are now seven young women employed in this branch of the service, and all of them have been appointed by Postmaster VanCott since Jan. 1.

Supt. Reimley, of the Money-Order Department, says that the new clerks take to their work well and have shown great aptitude in acquainting themselves with the routine of the office.

They receive salaries of \$600 a year, which is the amount paid to any of the regular clerks of the department.

Every new appointee must begin with this salary, and if proficiency is shown promotions follow. This will be the policy of the department in the case of the female as well as the male clerks.

It is reported that the introduction of women as clerks has caused consternation among the men employed in the department, and that it was feared that the intention of the Postmaster was to replace them entirely by the younger ladies in some branches of the work.

When an Evening World reporter called the attention of Postmaster VanCott to this story this morning, he laughed heartily at the idea.

"I cannot understand," he said, "how such silly stories can be spread. This is certainly the first intimation I have had that there is any dissatisfaction among my old clerks over these new appointments."

"I do not think there is the slightest foundation for the report. In the first place, the young women whom I have appointed have displaced none of the men. There were certain vacancies to be filled at the beginning of the year, and as there was a long list of women among the names sent to me by the Civil Service Examiners, and the work was adapted to them, I simply made the appointments as a matter of course."

"There are only a few departments in the service where women can be employed, and one of these is the inquiry bureau, which is connected with the Money-Order Department. I hear that the new clerks are doing their work efficiently, and that their appointments will result in a benefit to the service."

"There was no thought or intention of displacing any one already in the service of the department, and, in fact, it would be impossible to substitute women for men generally in this office."

"Besides, I am only following the example of my predecessors in office in appointing women clerks, and I may say that there are fewer women now employed in the Post-Office than ever before. A few years ago, for example, they were employed two-thirds of the time, and now only two or three. There are several, however, who have been in the service for years."

## LIONEL DRUMMOND A SUICIDE

Scion of One of London's Oldest Banking Houses.

LONDON, March 10.—The metropolis has been startled by the discovery that Lionel Drummond, aged thirty-seven, son of an ancient banking house really committed suicide, although the coroner's jury yesterday found a verdict of accidental death.

The young man shot himself when depressed through worry over certain legal proceedings between his father and an old and dear friend.

The Drummonds, whose banking house is at 40 Charing Cross is one of the oldest in London and ranks with that of Barings and the Rothschilds as one of the most prominent of the City.

George Drummond, born in 1807, is now the Earl of Perth and Melfort in the Scottish peerage, his eldest son and heir being the Viscount Strathmore.

The dead banker was a cousin of the Duke of Northumberland and of Henry Drummond, once Chief Secretary for Ireland.

## WATERS ALIVE WITH SEALS.

Report of a Captain Who Steamed Off Cape Flattery.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 10.—The tug Lore returned to port this morning, and reports the seals and waters of Cape Flattery alive with seals.

Several sealing schooners were sighted, but they were not allowed to hunt.

## SPORTING NEWS AND NOTES.

Tommy Danforth Hardly in It With Jimmy Hagen.

Cross-Country Association Preliminary Bout—Good Card Offered.

Tommy Danforth was scarcely in it, last night, with Jimmy Hagen. They were to have sparred twenty rounds for scientific points, but Hagen was evidently in a hurry to get back to Philadelphia, so he finished the bout in the eighth round, and the fight was not in it.

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## Bargain Sale of Fine Laces.

All Small Lots.

Hundreds of small lots of fine laces are to go out among the readers of this announcement at prices entirely unusual.

We've been putting them together for days, and now they are spread out and piled up ready for lookers and buyers.

All silk black French thread laces.

3 inches wide and 20c; sale price, 15c.

4 1/2 inches wide and 47c; sale price, 29c.

5 1/2 inches wide and 39c; sale price, 23c.

7 inches wide and 43c; sale price, 25c.

Fine white and cream Oriental lace, from 6 to 15 inches wide, formerly 18c. to 30c; sale prices 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 18c. and 21c. per yard.

All silk Spanish lace laces, mixed with gold, all colors, 3 1/2 inches wide, were 39c; sale price, 25c.

Black silk Chantilly laces, popular and novel designs, 3 inches wide, formerly 30c. at 10c.; 4 1/2 inches wide, formerly 35c. at 10c.

Pure linen hand made Torchon laces, from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches wide, assorted patterns, formerly 19c. to 25c. per yard; sale prices 6c., 8c. and 10c.

Embroideries.

Fine cambric Embroideries, 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c. and 15c. per yard; were double.

Fine Swiss Flouncings, 4 1/2 inches wide, 25c., 35c., 45c. and 50c.; were double.

Handkerchiefs.

50 dozen ladies' and gentlemen's white silk Initial Handkerchiefs, were 60c.; at 29c.

100 dozen odd lots of fine pure linen Handkerchiefs, for ladies and gentlemen, were from 16c. to 35c.; sale prices, 10c. to 19c.

Bags and Purses.

Fine all leather purses, with oxidized silver frames, were 25c. to 60c.; sale price 10c. to 29c.